Examples of Chicago style referencing
Author-Date: Sample Citations

The following examples illustrate the author-date system. Each example of a reference list entry is accompanied by an example of a corresponding in-text citation.

**Book**

*Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)*

*In-text citations*
(Grazer and Fishman 2015, 12)
(Smith 2016, 315–16)

**Chapter or other part of an edited book**

In the reference list, include the page range for the chapter or part. In the text, cite specific pages.

*Reference list entry*

*In-text citation*
(Thoreau 2016, 177–78)

In some cases, you may want to cite the collection as a whole instead.

*Reference list entry*

*In-text citation*
(D’Agata 2016, 177–78)

**Translated book**

*Reference list entry*

*In-text citation*
(Lahiri 2016, 146)

**E-book**

For books consulted online, include a URL or the name of the database in the reference list entry. For other types of e-books, name the format. If no fixed page numbers are available, cite a section title or a chapter or other number in the text, if any (or simply omit).

*Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)*

*In-text citations*
(Austen 2007, chap. 3)
(Borel 2016, 92)
(Kurland and Lerner 1987, chap. 10, doc. 19)
(Melville 1851, 627)

**Journal article**

In the reference list, include the page range for the whole article. In the text, cite specific
page numbers. For articles consulted online, include a URL or the name of the database in the reference list entry. Many journal articles list a DOI (Digital Object Identifier). A DOI forms a permanent URL that begins https://doi.org/. This URL is preferable to the URL that appears in your browser’s address bar.

Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)


In-text citations
(Keng, Lin, and Orazem 2017, 9–10)
(LaSalle 2017, 95)
(Satterfield 2016, 170)

Journal articles often list many authors, especially in the sciences. If there are four or more authors, list up to ten in the reference list; in the text, list only the first, followed by *et al.* (“and others”). For more than ten authors (not shown here), list the first seven in the reference list, followed by *et al.*

Reference list entry

In-text citation
(Bay et al. 2017, 465)

News or magazine article
Articles from newspapers or news sites, magazines, blogs, and the like are cited similarly. In the reference list, it can be helpful to repeat the year with sources that are cited also by month and day. Page numbers, if any, can be cited in the text but are omitted from a reference list entry. If you consulted the article online, include a URL or the name of the database.

Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)


In-text citation
(Manjoo 2017)
(Mead 2017, 43)
(Pai 2017)
(Pegoraro 2007)

Readers’ comments are cited in the text but omitted from a reference list.

In-text citation
(Eduardo B [Los Angeles], March 9, 2017, comment on Manjoo 2017)

Book review

Reference list entry
(Souza 2016)
(Michele Truty, April 17, 2015, 1:09 p.m., comment on Chicago Manual of Style 2015)

**Personal communication**
Personal communications, including email and text messages and direct messages sent through social media, are usually cited in the text only; they are rarely included in a reference list.

**In-text citation**
(Sam Gomez, Facebook message to author, August 1, 2017)